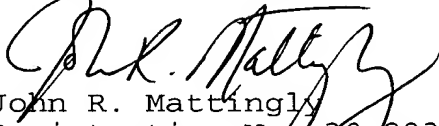


REMARKS

Examination is requested.

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7. (Amended) The service utilization ID number settlement system according to claim[s] 1 [through 6,] wherein, when judging whether said service can be provided, if the ID number has not been validated, or the amount of money equivalent to the service amount to be provided is smaller than the current balance, said settlement authentication device prohibits the provision of the service.

11. (Amended) The service utilization ID number settlement system according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [through 10,] wherein, when judging whether said service can be provided, if the current balance less the amount of money equivalent to the service amount to be provided is smaller than a reference amount of money, said settlement authentication device causes the transmission of warning information to said information terminal device.

14. (Amended) The service utilization ID number settlement system according to claim[s] 4 [or 5], wherein the ID number used in said settlement authentication device is a sub-ID number generated in association with each service.

15. (Amended) The service utilization ID number settlement system according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [through 14,] wherein said ID number is different for each of said media units.

16. (Amended) The service utilization ID number settlement system according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [through 15,] wherein:

the settlement terminal device can transmit user deposit information, and

when said deposit information is received together with an ID number, the settlement authentication device sets the result of addition of the deposit information to the balance information as the new balance information.

17. (Amended) Media, on which is recorded an ID number, and which can be used in the service utilization ID number settlement system according to claim[s] 1 [through 16].